

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are canceled herein. New claims 45-65 are added herein. Claims 45-65 now remain pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27, 32-35 and 44 over Lemelson

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-8, 11, 13-17, 19-22, 25-27, 32-35 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,773 to Lemelson et al. ("Lemelson"), with claims 4, 9, 10, 12, 18, 23 and 24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Lemelson.

Claims 1-27, 32-35 and 44 are canceled herein, making the rejection of claims 1-27, 32-35 and 44 now moot.

Comments over Lemelson

Claims 45-58 recite a method and system that rely on at least one of a round-trip delay time of a piconet signal between a first vehicle and a second vehicle and a received signal strength indicator (RSSI) from the second vehicle to determine rudimentary ranging information.

Lemelson appears to disclose a GPS based vehicle collision avoidance system (see Abstract). Lemelson fails to disclose or suggest use of a piconet for any purpose, much less as a basis to determine rudimentary ranging information between two vehicles, as recited by the new pending claims.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 45-65 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

All objections and/or rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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